SUBJECT NO. 185.

Appointment of work-inspectors as sanitary inspectors.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It has been ordered that the pay of the new sanitary inspectors should be borne by the Taluk and Municipal Boards. In this connection it is suggested that such of the existing work-inspectors as are well acquainted with English may be permitted to undergo training in sanitary science and if duly qualified, appointed as sanitary inspectors with a small increase of pay. This will save some additional expense to Taluk and Municipal Boards and will at the same time be a source of encouragement to the work-inspectors.

Reply of Government.—The proposal to open a school to train these men is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 186.

Functions of the Divisional Sanitary Officers.

1. Mr. K. Shankarnarain Rao, Nagar Sabha.

2. Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The duties of these officers have not been defined. Being merely advising officers, they cannot produce any good results. Instead of the present Divisional Sanitary Officers, whole-time District Sanitary Officers with a good knowledge of local requirements will be more useful.

(2) The Divisional Sanitary Officers are in charge of a larger area than they can usefully deal with. The necessary local advice in matters of sanitation can always be had from the local medical officers. The more important matters regarding the sanitation of particular areas can be dealt with by the provincial Sanitary Officer. Moreover, the merely advisory functions of the divisional officers will not be of much use to the public. It is therefore prayed,

(*a*) that District Sanitary Officers may be appointed for each district and placed in executive charge of the sanitation of the towns and villages in the district under the President;

(*b*) that certain funds be allotted to this department out of the Provincial Revenues to be utilized by these officers for effecting sanitary improvements; and

(*c*) that in Municipal towns the Sanitary Officer be made to work under the Municipal President, the Vice-President being in charge of matters other than purely Sanitary (such as Revenue, Public Works, etc.).

Reply of Government.—The Health Department is still under formation. The duties of Divisional Sanitary Officers will be defined in due course.

EDUCATION.

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SUBJECT NO. 187.

Improvement of the system of teaching in Anglo-Vernacular schools.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) At present admission to Anglo-Vernacular schools is subject to the following conditions:—*viz.*, that the student to be admitted must have read up to the III class in Kanarese, if he wants to

study English and that if he wants to study the vernacular in such schools above the standard of the III class, he must study English also. The above restrictions may be removed and the rules in force in the lower classes in High Schools may be made applicable to Anglo-Vernacular schools. The Government of India resolution on the subject has not been correctly interpreted. It recommends the study of English side by side with the vernacular from the lowest class. The matter may be considered.

(2) Lessons in History and Geography may be imparted in English in Anglo-Vernacular schools. The reason for requiring these subjects to be taught in the vernacular is stated to be that they are not clearly comprehended in the lower classes if taught in English. There is a great advantage so far as the students' knowledge of English is concerned, if these subjects are taught in English. Further, one cannot find terms in the vernacular quite equivalent to English words. It is found in practice that a student finds it much easier to learn these subjects in English than in the vernacular.

(3) Boards of visitors may also be nominated for Anglo-Vernacular schools.

Reply of Government.—(1) and (2) Noted. (3) Not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 188.

Text-books in English for the Lower Secondary Examination.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—While a Text-book is prescribed for the Kanarese Lower Secondary Examination for the Language Branch, none is prescribed for the corresponding branch of the English Lower Secondary Examination. At present, boys study some books and forget what they have learnt after the examination is over. As has been done in the case of the Matriculation Examination by the University of Madras, a text-book may be prescribed so that young boys may retain their early impressions in their later studies.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Inspector-General of Education for opinion.

SUBJECT No. 189.

Teaching in Hobli schools.

Messrs. Sreenivasa Murti, Hassan Taluk; Lakshminarasimhachar and Dharanappa, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Orders may be passed for setting some questions on "Amarakosa" in the vernacular examination papers.

(*b*) The appointment and the dismissal of committee members for Hobli schools rest at present with the Deputy Inspectors of schools who are guided in such matters by the opinions of the school teachers themselves. The members may be selected by the Amildars of taluks on the opinion of the majority of the people in the village.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) Will be referred to the I.-G. of Education for the issue of the necessary orders.